



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019

8:00 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

#### Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Aric Skinner – NW Natural Gas  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works  
Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water PUD  
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation  
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department  
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas  
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works  
Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

#### Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting as corrected. Motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported an ending balance as of September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$2,837.88.

#### Old Business:

None reported.

#### New Business:

Scott Peters reported that wifi cabinets will be taking place of cell towers. These will be located in the general area of the base of the utility pole. Installer should be connecting with pole owner(s).

#### Follow Up:

##### **Contractor's Event:**

- After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to set a date for the Contractor's Event by December 17, 2019. Motion approved.
- Thoughts for venue were Bargeway Pub, Discovery Center or possibly at a local facility yard/location.

##### **Jean Corbin:**

- Reach out to food trucks in area regarding the Contractor's Event. Report back at the November meeting.
- Advertising: Big Screen Advertising @ Cinema in The Dalles. Will report back at the November meeting with information regarding to setup requirements and demographic information. Considering March, April and May or April, May and June 2020.



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### Ed Ortega:

- At the August meeting, it was mentioned ordering 811 magnetic bumper stickers to place on WCUCC member's fleet vehicles if interested. Ed noted that we have had them made up in the past and he will check and see what it will take to get more made and report back at the November meeting.

### Jennifer Lindsey:

- Advertising: Reach out to Meadow Outdoor Advertising & Bi-Coastal Media regarding Fall 2019/Spring 2020 advertising. Contacted Todd, he is working to put together information. Will report back at the November meeting with updates from Meadow Outdoor and Bi-Coastal Media.

### Arthur Smith:

- Will get checking account information from other financial institutions. Currently, we are being charged a fee of \$5.00/month and would like to see if there are any "free" checking accounts. Arthur will report back at the November meeting with an update.

Reminder that 2020 nominations for the WCUCC board will take place in November with actual elections in December.

### Damage Report:

Brewster Whitmire reported that a contractor hit a de-energized secondary line after calling in locate but not waiting until locate was completed and began digging at the South County boat ramp; accident was not reported. Wasco Electric Crew located damage.

Bill Vanek reported damage to water lines off of Irvine and 7<sup>th</sup> Street

### Round Table:

#### Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- East Scenic Drive sanitary project with Crestline Construction thru November 27
- East Scenic Drive Phase 2 bids due at end of October
- Sanitary sewer crews – installation off of Irvine Street, finishing up in a couple weeks
- Finish curb work/paving in new subdivision off 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Streets
- Painting at Sorosis Park
- General maintenance

#### Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

- Scenic Drive sanitary sewer with City of The Dalles Public Works
- Out of town work

#### Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water P.U.D.

- Hostetler Street survey crew
- Digging off Irvine for new services/7<sup>th</sup> & Irvine



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### Round Table, Continued:

#### John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Vegetation project below Scenic Drive
- Possible funding for Lone Pine project

#### Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

- Winter preparations

#### Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New services
- General maintenance
- Winter preparations

#### Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas

- East 10<sup>th</sup> work in progress
- General maintenance
- Winter preparations

#### Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Preliminary plans for Pine Wood – New service – well (keeping one, dropping one)
- I-84 East: Project in Arlington extended thru October 25
- Substation – White River/PUD – no updates
- Continued bridge work/maintenance
- Winter preparations

### **Upcoming meetings:**

OUNC Board Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 – 9am – 3pm @ Oregon Public Utilities Commission

OUNC Excavator Training – Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 – 6:30am @ Clackamas Community College

OUNC Board Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 – 9am – 3pm @ Clackamas Community College

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Lindsey*

Secretary